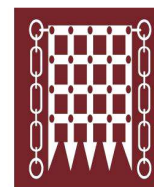


Westminster Education Forum Keynote Seminar
Key issues for independent schools: the future shape of the sector, curriculum design and student recruitment

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 7th November 2017

Venue: The Crypt, St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2N 4JJ

Agenda subject to change



**WESTMINSTER
EDUCATION
FORUM**

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Lexden
- 9.05 - 9.25 **Key issues and priorities for the sector**
Barnaby Lenon, Chairman, Independent Schools Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 - 10.15 **The future shape of the independent sector - charitable status and maximising partnerships with state schools**
Alex Gear, Headmaster, Oakhyrst Grange School, Surrey and Chair, Independent Schools Association
Chris King, Headmaster, Leicester Grammar School and Chair, HMC
Ian Davenport, Chief Executive, Royal National Children's SpringBoard Foundation
Matthew Burgess, Partner, Veale Wasbrough Vizards and former General Secretary, Independent Schools Council
Walter Boyle, Headteacher, Holyport College, Berkshire
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Lexden
- 10.20 - 10.45 Coffee
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Julie Robinson, General Secretary, Independent Schools Council
- 10.50 - 11.00 **The new inspections framework: lessons from implementation so far and next steps**
Kate Richards, Chief Inspector, Independent Schools Inspectorate
- 11.00 - 11.30 **Sustaining the competitive position of the independent sector: curriculum innovation and embedding soft skills and mental toughness**
In what ways can independent schools continue to innovate within their curriculums and offer a strong academic and pastoral experience whilst raising educational outcomes? In light of the publication of the AQR report on soft skills and mental toughness which suggested that independent school pupils often have high overall levels of control, commitment, challenge and confidence, what can be learnt from best practice in enhanced provision?
Angela Drew, Headmistress, Bromley High School, Kent
Steve Oakes, Director for Education, AQR International
Questions and comments from the floor with **Kate Richards**, Chief Inspector, Independent Schools Inspectorate
- 11.30 - 12.15 **Student recruitment from overseas and the impact of Brexit**
What options should be considered, and steps taken by schools and the sector, to prepare for Brexit and ensure British independent schools remain an attractive option for overseas students, including from Europe? How should the sector be approaching advocacy in Parliament over issues such as the impact on independent schools of government capping international student numbers and the ending of the distinction for independent school recruitment between EU and non-EU students? With the Government expected to launch a consultation on future EEA migration in due course, what steps can be taken to provide greater guidance and support to independent schools that will be most affected by the possible loss of income through student fees?
Robin Fletcher, Chief Executive, The Boarding Schools' Association
Mark Taylor, Executive Director, The Taylor Partnership
Tim Wilbur, Director of Schools Consultancy, Gabbitas Education
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 - 12.25 **'Lessons from inspection: the role of leadership in improving pupils' educational experiences and life chances'**
Philippa Darley HMI, Specialist Advisor, Independent and Unregistered Schools, Ofsted
- 12.25 - 12.35 **Independent schools - current state of play**
Dr Peter Swift, Head of Independent Education Division, Department for Education
- 12.35 - 12.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Education Forum closing remarks**
Julie Robinson, General Secretary, Independent Schools Council
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Education Forum